

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification (material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]]).

Please replace the abstract beginning at page 17, line 2, with the following rewritten abstract:

A method for ~~predicted~~ **predicting** the settled appearance of a test patch printed by an imaging system by applying a transfer function to the color of a freshly printed test patch. The transfer function may be formulated to take into account a variety of environmental conditions, such as humidity or temperature, or post-printing processes, such as lamination. The predicted settled test patch color may be exported to an external image processor, or the imaging system processor may internally compare the predicted settled test patch color with the desired test patch color in order to calibrate the color map used by the imaging system.